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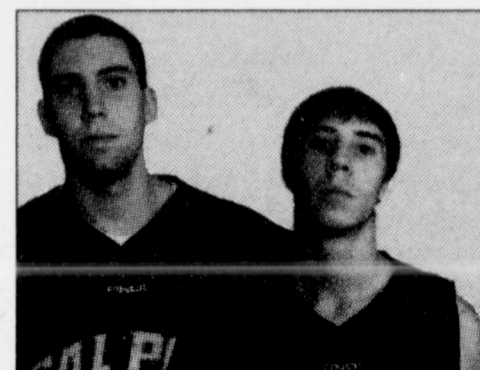
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EVENTS CALENDAR

What: The San Luis Obispo City Council will vote on whether to prolong triple fines until March 2.

When: Today, at noon.

Where: The San Luis Obispo City Hall, 990 Palm St.

More info: Call ASI student government office at 756-1291

What: Gender and science talk. Carla Fehr, an assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies at Iowa State University, will talk about gender in science in a free public presentation. The talk is titled "A Lab Coat Can Cover More Than Your Clothes: Objectivity and Women Scientists."

When: Today, 11 a.m.

Where: Philips Hall

More Info: Call the Women's Studies Program at 756-1525

What: Music department joins tsunami relief effort. The Cal Poly music department joins forces with biz4relief.com to help raise funds for the tsunami relief effort. "A Night at the Mission" will feature 10 small ensembles including the PolyPhonics choral ensemble. Admission to the concert is \$10.

When: Saturday, 4 p.m.

Where: Old Mission Church

More Info: Call the music department at 756-2406

What: V-Day 2005. The Women Empowerment Team is raising funds for the SARP Center and the Women's Center with a production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

When: Feb. 17, 18 and 19, 7 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium

More Info: Call Cait Burkholder at 431-1411

What: 'Our Ethnic Studies' for 21st Century. Columbia University Professor Gary Y. Okihiro will present "'Our Ethnic Studies' for the 21st Century: Remembering the Past, Envisioning the Future." The public is invited to the free presentation, where Professor Okihiro will address questions crucial to understanding both the limits and possibilities of ethnic studies in the 21st century. Okihiro will explore the past, present and future of ethnic studies and examine its value and relevancy in today's world of increasing complexity and globalization.

When: Today, 7 p.m.

Where: Bldg. 8, Room 123

More Info: Call ethnic studies at 756-7388

What: 10th Annual International Career Conference

When: Saturday, 8 a.m.

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MARDI GRAS 2005

Look mom, me and 400 police



COURTESY PHOTO

City and regional planning senior Jeff Inabnit and friends show some Mardi Gras spirit and gather with police officers near campus.

Over the Mardi Gras weekend, students took some time to take photos with some of the 400 officers on duty in San Luis Obispo.

At times, there appeared to be more police patrolling the streets than students milling around.

Officers traveled in groups and were well-equipped for any outbursts. The few disturbances were broken up within minutes. Police officers kept crowds moving in the "target area" — near California and Foothill boulevards.

In an otherwise dark and disparaging time, police and students found companionship in a few simple photos.

INSIDE

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COURTESY PHOTO

Kiersten Anderson, Claire Pomeroy and Amanda Raudsep give thumbs up with a bicycle police officer.

So many hopefuls, no room

Cal Poly has explored the possibility of eliminating excess units to force students to graduate faster

Crystal Phend
MUSTANG DAILY

This is the second of a three-part series examining how the conflict between academic freedom and limited university and state resources has precipitated changes to move students through their degree faster and make them fund more of their own education.

Last winter, Cal Poly had an applicant pool as large as the population of Atascadero. Only 3,600 spaces were available for the more than 27,000 hopefuls.

So last spring when the governor's Compact for Higher Education was being discussed and budget cuts were known to be imminent, Cal Poly was also fighting the battle

Like the legislature and the California State University system, Cal Poly also looked at the issue of excess units as a possible route to relieve pressure.

The excess unit debate centers around the idea that students taking courses beyond graduation requirements are delaying their exit from the university and therefore preventing the entrance of other

COMING FRIDAY

Cal Poly colleges handle excess units differently



KIEL CARREAU MUSTANG DAILY

Of the 27,000 students that applied to Cal Poly, only 3,600 were admitted.

students.

"There is always the possibility that if Cal Poly doesn't come up with a policy and if the CSU doesn't come up with a policy, the legislature might do something foolish," said George Lewis, mathematics professor and former chair of Cal Poly's Academic Senate.

However, the senate committee was unable to make a recommendation and was unable to find any evidence that a large number of students misuse their "slot" in this way, Lewis said.

They did not want to penalize students who take a double major or minor, or the students

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Abundant security ensures mellow Fat Tuesday

The 150 law enforcement officials downtown Tuesday night far exceeds the 12 officers regularly on duty

Kristen Oato
MUSTANG DAILY

During last year's Fat Tuesday celebration, an improvised explosive device was set off in a large crowd, deafening several police officers.

This year, security officials were determined to stop any lawlessness before it happened. Additional police enforcement and strategic planning went into insuring a relatively low-key night.

The 150 officers on duty Tuesday night paled in comparison to the 400 stationed during the Mardi Gras weekend. However, it was quite an increase difference from the 12 officers on duty any other Tuesday.

Authorities employed the same tactics for Fat Tuesday as they did during the weekend.

"The object of the exercise is to have officers meet and interact with people on the street," said San Luis Obispo Police Department Public Information Officer Rob Bryn. "If large crowds begin to form, we get them to disperse as quickly as possible."



TOM SANDERS MUSTANG DAILY

One of the complaints officers received was that security measures made it difficult for students to get home from downtown.

Freedom

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who transfer with more units than required, Lewis said. And as a school that requires students to declare a major upon entrance, changing majors presents another problem.

For now, the senate has stopped exploring such a policy, but administrators like Lewis warn that it could quickly become an issue again if the CSU or legislature decides to act.

Rather, no negative incentives will be implemented before the positive incentives for quick progress to degree have been exhausted, said David Conn, vice provost for academic programs and undergraduate education.

One of these was the recent registration changes.

"The old system was not working well," Conn said. "It was winner-take-all."

Now that students are only able to register for 14 units in the first round of registration, rather than 16 units, administrators hope the process will be fairer to students

with lower priority.

Conn said it should help prevent students with high priority from grabbing classes they may not want but which other students need.

The changes should help students get through their program more quickly because they will be able to get the core classes they need, said associate registrar Marlene Cartter.

Associated Students Inc. vice president Tylor Middlestadt and others on the ASI Board of Directors are opposed to the registration changes because it is "too much, too fast."

Cartter said that early feedback has been positive, with several students commenting that they have been able to get classes they never would have gotten before.

As politicians and administrators play out the battle between academic freedom and limited resources on a philosophical and economic level with hypothetical situations, the individual colleges engage in hand-to-hand combat with these issues in a very real student body.

Tomorrow's installment will look at the efforts the individual colleges have made to deal with the issues.

Calendar

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Where: Embassy Suites

More Info: Check out the Web site at www.icc.calpoly.edu

What: Open House Clubs Representatives meeting. This meeting is mandatory for all clubs planning to run a booth during Open House. Please come prepared to take notes and report back to your club. Attendance is taken and a raffle is held for all those in attendance.

When: Thursday Feb. 17, 11a.m.

Where: Bldg. 3, Room 213

More Info: Call the Open House office at 756-7576 or visit the Web site:

orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse

What: Hearst Lecture Series. "Women in Architecture + Design.2," continues with L O O M S T U D I O Principal and UC Berkeley professor Raveevan Choksombatchai will discuss her award-winning work.

When: Friday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m.

Mardi Gras

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ble."

On Tuesday afternoon, authorities worked diligently to set up a staging area on California Boulevard. By the evening, transport trailers, ATVs, bicycle police officers, motorcycles and other vehicles were lining the sides of the road. Multiple security units specializing in different aspects of enforcement gathered together.

Authorities chose California Boulevard as their staging area because it is in a central location.

"One of the complaints we got was that it was difficult for kids to bypass security to get home," SLOPD Cpt. Daniel Blanke said. "We figured that with the street blocked off, students are able to go in three directions."

The California Highway Patrol special operations unit, from Sacramento, was the largest police force in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday.

San Luis Obispo was split up geographically into red, yellow and blue sections. Each unit was assigned to a specific area.

A standby ambulance was also sta-

tioned on California Boulevard to attend to any injuries.

"The (ambulance) was not needed during this past Mardi Gras weekend," Bryn said.

At 9 p.m., no Fat Tuesday celebration-related calls had been made to the police department.

"Around 10:30 things start to happen, and there's more activity," SLOPD field training officer Shanni Arnett said. "We end up driving through all the big party spots. Foothill, California, Cedar Creek and Casa Street are popular."

Although police officials did not use any sobriety checkpoints Tuesday, they were quick to point out the effectiveness of the four set up during Mardi Gras weekend.

"Two arrests were made via DUI checkpoints last weekend. The main goal of those is to keep drunk drivers off the streets," Bryn said. "The object of the exercise is to not have anything bad happen. We are just trying to insure everyone's safety. When you have riots, people get hurt. Kids got killed last year coming to Mardi Gras. Alcohol is not worth dying for."

Students, police, guns and beads



COURTESY PHOTO

Jennifer Stokes, Sarah Schoech and some friends stop with an officer in riot gear.



Mechanical engineering freshman Dave Bendersky and his friend Megan Hitchcock catch up with some police officers in front of Starbucks downtown.

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From left, Andrew Haugen, Lenny Riccio and Dave 'the unit' Yocke take a picture at Murray Station.

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Jason Petri snaps a photo on Foothill Boulevard.



From left, architecture sophomore Bryce Sigourney and English sophomore Brent LaBounty put their arm around a police officer during the Mardi Gras weekend.

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STATE NEWS

SAN DIEGO — Metabolife founder Michael J. Ellis, who built the multimillion-dollar diet-drug company on sales of a now-banned herbal supplement, has been indicted on federal weapons charges.

The indictment accuses Ellis of illegally having guns and ammunition, which he could not possess because he is a convicted felon, stemming from a drug case in the

1980s. Authorities say three handguns, a rifle and ammunition were found at his ranch in Julian during a federal raid in 2002.

Ellis, 52, is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday. The indictment issued Tuesday has four counts of illegal weapons possession and one of conspiracy.

SAN FRANCISCO — Carly Fiorina's nearly six-year reign at Hewlett-Packard Co. ended Wednesday as the company's board

forced her out as chief executive, disappointed by her efforts to make the technology giant whose strongest business is printers more nimble and innovative. HP shares jumped more than 6 percent.

Board members said they fired Fiorina, one of corporate America's highest-ranking female executives, because she failed to execute a planned strategy of slashing costs and boosting revenue as quickly as hoped.

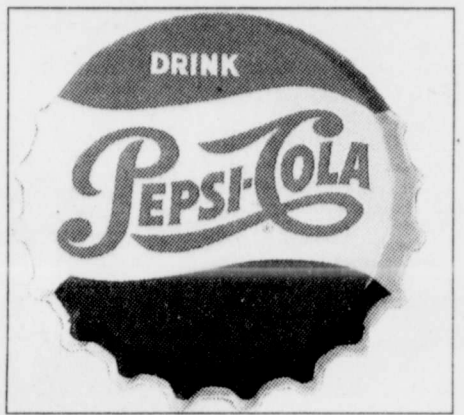
LOS ANGELES — A retired

stuntman testified Wednesday that Robert Blake took him on a tour of places where he could kill the actor's wife, including the area around the restaurant where she was actually slain.

Ronald "Duffy" Hambleton also told the jury in the murder trial that Blake took him to his home and showed where he could enter Bonny Lee Bakley's living quarters, kill her and escape.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS



MONETTE, Ark. — A woman who drinks a Pepsi a day marked her 105th birthday Tuesday. Rebecca Mitchell was born in Blytheville on Feb. 8, 1900, and lived on her own until a broken hip sent her to the Monette Manor nursing home at age 101.

"I've been drinking Pepsi-Cola for a long, long time," Mitchell said. "I drink one every day."

She has seven children, 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and two great-great-great-grandchildren. Her son Roy E. Mitchell was killed in European combat during World War II. The other six are scattered in Arkansas, Georgia and Illinois.

Mitchell married on Christmas Eve 1916 and she and her husband Roy stayed together 54 years until his death in 1960.

"When I think about my mother's life, it's really amazing all the things she's experienced and seen," her son John Mitchell said. "She went from living on mud streets to blacktop to concrete."

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday that Medicare is next on the government's fix-it list because the health care plan for the elderly and disabled, like Social Security, is facing financial stress with the retirements of baby boomers.

New administration estimates released Wednesday showed that the Medicare prescription drug benefit will cost taxpayers \$724 billion over

its first full 10 years, far higher than earlier estimates and rekindling congressional ire over its price tag.

NORFOLK, Va. — A school administrator pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges alleging she laundered profits made by a multimillion-dollar narcotics ring.

Court papers allege that Pamela Y. Hoffer-Riddick, 43, a regional assistant superintendent for Prince George's County schools in

Maryland, deposit large sums of money into banks and credit unions for the drug ring.

She declined to comment on the charges as she left the courtroom Wednesday.

She was charged with five counts of money laundering, which carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine for each count. Trial was set for July.

WASHINGTON — The \$80

billion war funding request President Bush will send to Congress next week includes \$400 million to help nations that have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Poland, a staunch ally in Iraq, is earmarked to receive one-fourth of the money.

The White House announced the fund, dubbed the "solidarity initiative," after Bush's meeting Wednesday with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday that Iran cannot delay indefinitely accountability for a suspected nuclear weapons program, but said the United States has set "no deadline, no timeline" for Tehran to act.

Nearing the end of a European tour that included visits to both old and new members of the expanding

NATO, Rice said the United States remains in "close consultations" with its European allies on the issue.

MADRID, Spain — A car bomb exploded in a Madrid business park Wednesday after a warning call purportedly from the Basque separatist group ETA, injuring at least 43 people, officials said, in the worst blast in the Spanish capital since last year's terrorist attack on commuter trains.

Police did not have time after

the warning call to the Basque newspaper Gara to fully cordon off the area or evacuate workers and visitors at a sprawling convention center nearby, where King Juan Carlos was to meet the Mexico President Vicente Fox later in the day.

JERUSALEM — Israel has agreed to lift travel restrictions in parts of the West Bank in coming weeks, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday, in what

would be the strongest signal yet to Palestinians that a cease-fire with Israel is beginning to pay off. Abbas made the announcement after returning to the West Bank from a Mideast summit in Egypt, where he and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared an end to four years of bloodshed.

Freedom of travel would greatly improve the lives of Palestinians, as the roadblocks have decimated their economy.

—Associated Press



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Creator of Dolly the Sheep gets cloning license

Thomas Wagner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The British government Tuesday gave the creator of Dolly the Sheep a license to clone human embryos for medical research into the cause of motor neuron disease.



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Dolly the Sheep

Ian Wilmut, who led the team that created Dolly at Scotland's Roslin Institute in 1996, and motor neuron expert Christopher Shaw of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, plan to clone embryos to study how nerve cells go awry to cause the disease. The experiments do not involve creating cloned babies.

It is the second such license approved since Britain became the first country to legalize research cloning in 2001. The first was granted in August to a team that hopes to use cloning to create insulin-producing cells that could be transplanted into diabetics.

Dr. Brian Dickie, director of

research at the London-based Motor Neuron Disease Association, said the latest decision by the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority means "we are a step closer to medical research that has the potential to revolutionize the future treatment of neuron disease," an incurable muscle-wasting condition that afflicts about 350,000 people and kills some 100,000 each year.

While the latest project would not use the stem cells to correct the disease, the study of the cells is expected to help scientists develop future treatments, according to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, which regulates such research and approved the license.

Stem cells are the master cells of the body. They appear when embryos are just a few days old and go on to develop into every type of cell and tissue in the body. Scientists hope to be able to

extract the stem cells from embryos when they are in their blank state and direct them to form any

desired cell type to treat a variety of diseases, ranging from Parkinson's to diabetes.

Getting the cells from an embryo that is cloned from a sick patient could allow scientists to track how diseases

develop and provide genetically-matched cell transplants that do not cause the immune systems to reject the transplant.

Such work, called therapeutic cloning because it does not result in a baby, is opposed by abortion foes and other biological conservatives because researchers must destroy human embryos to harvest the cells.

Cloning opponents decried the license Tuesday, saying the technique is dangerous, undesirable and unnecessary.

"What a sad and extraordinary volte face (turnaround) for the pioneer of animal cloning," said the London-based Comment on Reproductive Ethics. "Wilmut has always been the loudest voice in recent years warning of the dangers of mammalian cloning. And we remember how in the years following the birth of Dolly the Sheep, he assured the world he would never go near human cloning."

Wilmut has repeatedly condemned the idea of human cloning to create babies, but not so-called therapeutic cloning.

"We recognize that motor neuron disease is a serious congenital condition," said Angela McNab, chief of Britain's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority. "Following careful review of the medical, scientific, legal and ethical aspects of this application, we felt it was appropriate to grant the Roslin Institute a one-year license for this research into the disease."

Wilmut and Shaw plan to clone

cells from patients with the incurable muscle-wasting disease, derive blank-slate stem cells from the cloned embryo, make them develop into nerve cells, and compare their development to nerve cells derived from healthy embryos.

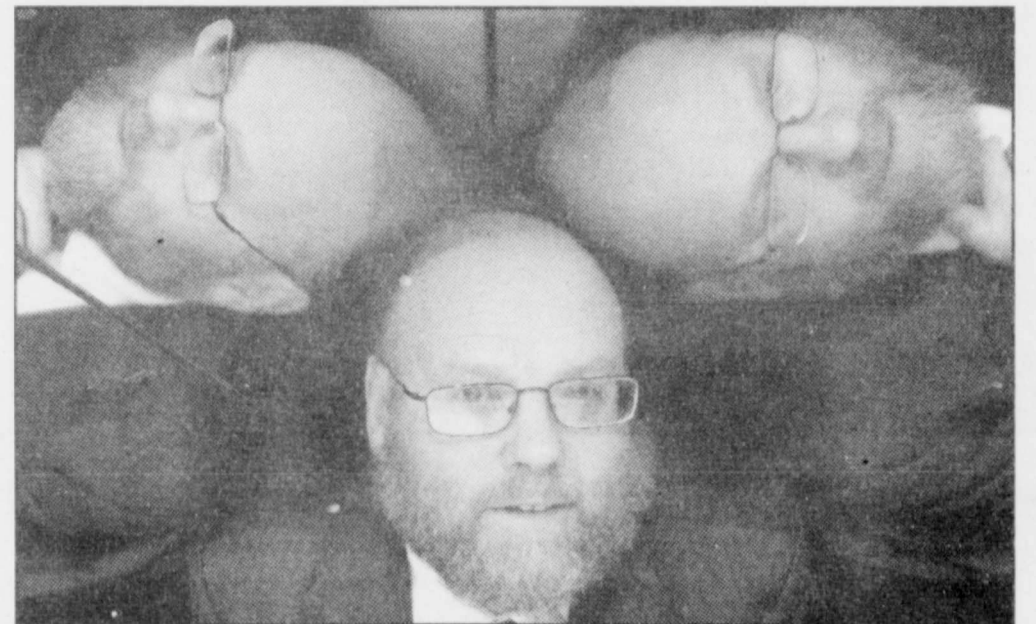
The technique, called cell nuclear replacement, is the same as that used to create Dolly.

The mechanism behind motor neuron disease is poorly understood because the nerves are inaccessible in the brain and central nervous system and cannot be removed from patients.

"This is potentially a big step forward for (motor neuron disease)

research," Shaw said. "We have spent 20 years looking for genes that cause (motor neuron disease) and to date we have come up with just one gene. We believe that the use of cell nuclear replacement will greatly advance our understanding of why motor neurons degenerate in this disease, without having to hunt down the gene defect."

Genetics expert Peter Braude of King's College, London, who is not involved with the work, said that studying how nerves go wrong in motor neuron disease and how it can be cured is particularly difficult and that cloning is the only way to produce the cells necessary to answer such questions.



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Ian Wilmut, who led the research team who created Dolly the cloned sheep, poses in Edinburgh, Scotland on Tuesday. The institute has been granted a license by Britain's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to clone human embryos for research that may help find a cure for Motor Neuron disease.

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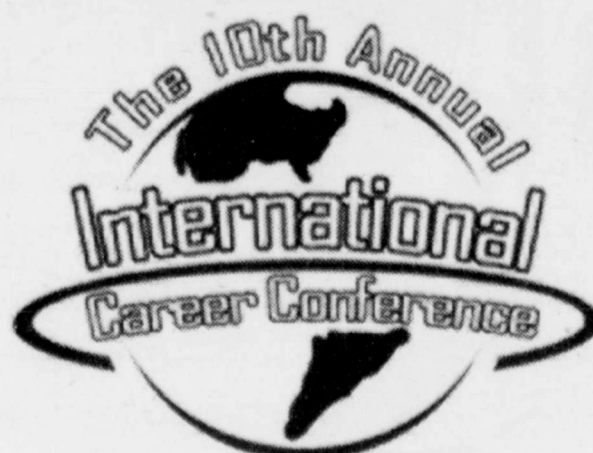
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ETHICS

Couple sues for wrongful death of embryo

Ruling that an embryo is a person may have a chilling effect on everything from stem cell research to abortion

Lindsey Tanner
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CHICAGO — All Alison Miller and Todd Parrish wanted was to become parents. But when a fertility clinic didn't preserve a healthy embryo they had hoped would one day become their child, they sued for wrongful death.

A judge refused to dismiss their case, ruling in effect that a test-tube embryo is a human being and that the suit can go forward.

Though most legal experts believe the ruling will be overturned, some in the fertility business worry it could threaten everything from in vitro fertilization to abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research.

"If the decision stands, it could essentially end in vitro fertilization," said Dr. Robert Schenken, president of

the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Few doctors would risk offering the procedure if any accident that harmed the embryo could result in a wrongful death lawsuit, said Schenken, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

He said the society, a professional group for fertility doctors, is considering filing a court brief opposing the ruling by Cook County Judge Jeffrey Lawrence.

The lawyer for the clinic, James Kopriva, declined to say if an appeal is planned, but added, "We are weighing our options. We disagree with the court's decision and do not believe Illinois law provides for the remedy provided by the court."

In a letter to the couple in June 2000, Dr. Norbert Gleicher, director of the Center for Human Reproduction, said an employee had failed to put an embryo in frozen storage and he apologized for "this oversight."

If the ruling for the couple holds, it would have no legal standing outside Illinois. It could provide impetus for

groups elsewhere to push an agenda opposing both abortion rights and

stem cell research, said Northwestern University law professor Victor Rosenblum, an abortion foe who has worked with anti-abortion activists.

"I certainly admire the initiative of the Cook County judge in taking this step," but it likely will not survive any appeals attempts, Rosenblum said.

The judge refers in his ruling to an Illinois statute that implies that wrongful death lawsuits can be filed on behalf of the unborn regardless of age. In Lawrence's interpretation, that includes a test-tube embryo before pregnancy — the microscopic bunch of cells that form after an egg is fertilized in the laboratory but before being

implanted into the womb.

There are nearly half a million such embryos frozen at fertility clinics

nation-wide. They are typically extras produced through in vitro fertilization,

and most clinics keep them indefinitely until couples decide to use them or authorize their disposal, said University of Minnesota ethicist Jeffrey Kahn.

Kahn said if the decision stands, "it will have implications not only for embryonic stem cell research, but for all of reproductive medicine, potentially."

Lori Andrews, a reproductive rights lawyer in Chicago, said the Chicago case is reminiscent of disputes in other states in which custody of embryos was at issue — including a Tennessee divorce case in which a lower-court ruling that an embryo was a child was

reversed on appeal.

Dr. Ralph Kazer, head of the IVF program at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said fertility specialists are watching the case with interest, but also said he doubts it will stand.

He said the case serves to "simply remind me and to remind my team that we have to continue to be very fastidious about how we handle our embryos."

Miller and Parrish, the Chicago couple, had no intent beyond seeking justice for the clinic's error, said their attorney James Costello. A phone listing for them in Chicago was disconnected and Costello said they did not want to discuss their case with the media.

"This was a couple who wanted to become parents, this isn't Roe vs. Wade," Costello said, referring to the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"What they're looking for is a day in court," Costello said.



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Young adults value college, but many fall short getting there

Ben Feller
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WASHINGTON — Young adults value college, but many haven't enrolled because of money woes, poor preparation, low expectations at home or sheer laziness, a survey finds.

The result is that seven in 10 young workers without college degrees say they are in their jobs by chance, not by choice. Fewer than two in 10 view their jobs as likely careers.

Overall, most adults age 18 to 25 see college as a way to earn society's respect and ensure financial security, says the survey by Public Agenda, a nonpartisan public opinion group. The positive view of college is true regardless of race, ethnicity or family income.

"Most young people have absorbed the 'Go to college, get more education' message," said Ruth Wooden, the Public Agenda president. "Whether they're getting the nuts-and-bolts, real-life help and guidance they need to reach that goal — to actually succeed in graduating from college — is another matter."

Roughly one in three young Americans do not go on to any form of higher education, and many of those who enroll don't end up graduating, the report says, quoting Census figures.

Other recent analyses offer even lower rates of college enrollment and completion, which has helped fuel a national interest in improving the rigor of high school. Those who graduate from a four-year college tend to have lower unemployment and higher earnings.

The new findings come from random phone interviews of 1,000 young adults last year, plus oversampling to ensure representation of black, Hispanic and Asian adults. The tally includes those with college degrees, college students, college dropouts and full-time workers.

Almost half of those who never enrolled or dropped out said college wasn't for them because they wanted to work and make money. Almost

as many said they couldn't afford college.

Yet by age 33, the typical college graduate has earned enough to compensate for both the cost of attending a four-year public school and for earnings passed up during the college years, said Gaston Caperton, president of the nonprofit College Board.

"We need to address disconcerting evidence that the cost of higher education is a deterrent, and in some cases a deal-breaker, for many students," Caperton said.

There are other obstacles, too. Almost eight in 10 adults without a college degree acknowledged they could have paid a lot more attention and worked harder in high school.

More than half said their high school teachers made it easy to do just enough to get by.

And only 32 percent of young adults without a degree said parents strongly expected them to go to college — a huge gap from the 67 percent with degrees who

got such encouragement.

The survey's margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Among other findings:

- Almost nine in 10 young adults expect their financial circumstances to improve by age 30, and most of them expect that improvement to be significant.

- Three in four young Asian American adults think they will be financially better off than their parents, and almost as many blacks and Hispanics say the same about themselves. Not as many white adults — 57 percent — are as optimistic.

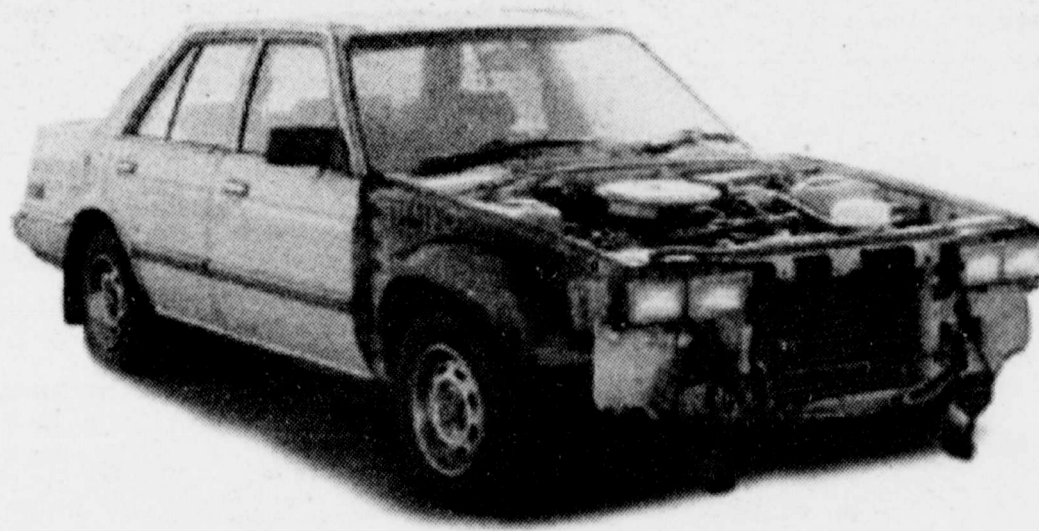
- Almost nine in 10 young adults agreed "college is not for everyone," and more than eight in 10 said many people do succeed without a college education.

- About one out of every two students said there were too few counselors in their high school, and only a slight majority said counselors made an effort to really get to know them.

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Researchers urge routine HIV testing for all Americans

Urging a major shift in U.S. policy, some health experts are recommending that virtually all Americans be tested routinely for the AIDS virus, much as they are for cancer and other diseases.

Since the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, the government has recommended screening only in big cities, where AIDS rates are high, and among members of high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug addicts.

Two large, federally-funded studies found that the cost of routinely testing and treating nearly all adults would be

outweighed by a reduction in new infections and the opportunity to start patients on drug cocktails early, when they work best.

"Given the availability of effective therapy and preventive measures, it is possible to improve care and perhaps influence the course of the epidemic through widespread, effective and cost-effective screening," Dr. Samuel A. Bozzette wrote in an editorial accompanying the studies, which appear in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

A failure to institute such screening at doctors' offices and clinics would be

"a critical disservice" to patients with the AIDS virus and "the future health of the nation," wrote Bozzette, who is from the University of California at San Diego and the Rand Corp. think tank in Santa Monica, Calif.

Dr. Robert Janssen, director of HIV-AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the CDC will re-evaluate its guidelines over the next two years, and will consider the study's findings as well as the availability of new, rapid HIV tests that produce results in a half-hour instead of the usual week or two.

Who would bear the cost of

expanded testing remains a sticky question amid government cutbacks in health-care funding. Janssen said the studies' findings could lead to some private insurers to encourage more HIV testing.

One of the studies, by researchers at Duke and Stanford universities and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, estimated that routine one-time testing of everyone would cut new infections each year by just more than 20 percent, and that every HIV-infected patient identified would gain an average of 1 1/2 years of life.

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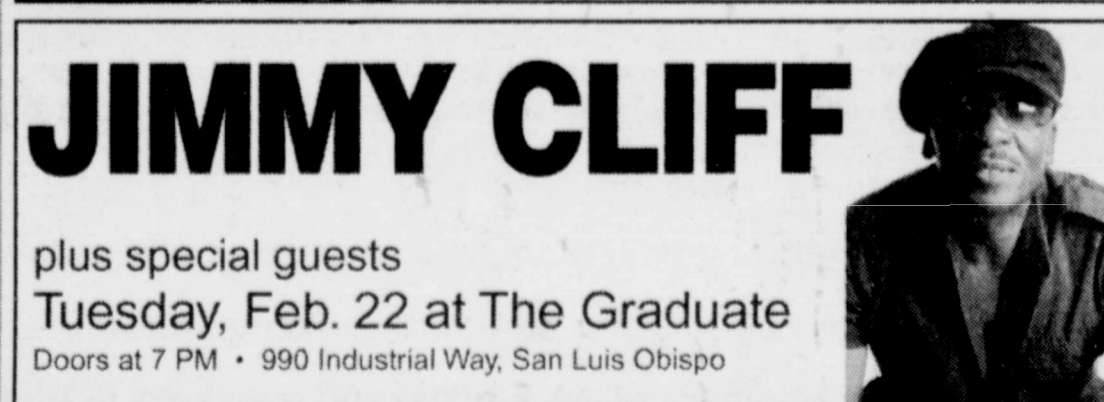
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Robbie Williams was the recipient of the 'Best Song 25' award at last night's Brit Awards, the United Kingdom's version of the Grammy's.

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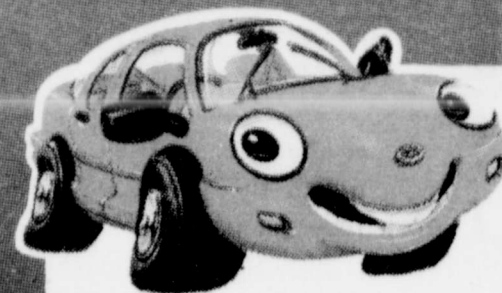
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You have upheld the Cal Poly traditions of civility and student leadership, qualities that are appreciated by the community in which you live and learn and by many others, from our alumni to the prospective employers of our graduates.

I know that you will continue to support the City's efforts to keep San Luis Obispo a peaceful community. You are all aware of the "buzz" about Poly Gras and I ask you to again join in the efforts to spread the word on campus and to colleges around the state that coming to San Luis Obispo and engaging in unlawful behavior is going to be met with a strong response, whether it occurs this coming weekend or any other time.

Again, we commend you for demonstrating your good citizenship. Your cooperation has made all the difference.

Sincerely,
Warren J. Baker



Communicating with friends...

Then & Now



thefacebook

Story by Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY

More likely than not, you've heard of thefacebook. In the shadows at Campus Market, in whispers before class starts or hidden in the profiles of frequent AIM users. The Web site consumes Cal Poly students of all years and majors. The time, energy and focus of many students has been lost in browsing profile after profile, group after group.

Created by Harvard students last February, www.thefacebook.com is an online directory that connects students through social networks.

"Mark Zuckerberg, a student at Harvard, had the idea last winter," said Chris Hughes, co-founder and press guy for thefacebook. "He wanted to combine an idea for a universal online database with an interactive social networking interface. The idea was sort of an extension of the traditional college facebook with terrible freshman ID photos and boring information."

After a few weeks of late-night, dorm-room conversations between Zuckerberg, Hughes and the three other founders, thefacebook was released.

Cal Poly became an official member of thefacebook on Sept. 4, 2004. There are now more than 6,981 registered users at Cal Poly and more than 1,611,029 users from colleges and universities nationwide.

People join thefacebook for a variety of reasons: peer pressure, boredom or to reconnect with people from high school. Whatever the reason, it is important to understand the quasi rules and procedures for being a successful facebooker.

Creating the perfect profile

The first step in learning the joys of facebooking is to create a profile.

Users can include personal information such as gender, major, birthday, high school and e-mail addresses on their profiles. AIM screennames, dating interests, relationship status and

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political views are standard information categories. The creativity starts when users list their interests, clubs and jobs, favorite music, books, movies and quotes.

Brevity is key during profile creation. Listing all the artists from your iPod collection is unnecessary — let people catch a glimpse of personality, but don't show off all the goodies. The point is to intrigue people.

"A lot of people try to present a better image on thefacebook," journalism senior Aimee Corser said. "I think some people think of their profile as a joke ... and go overboard on their interests and personal information."

Business administration junior Jeremiah Rosenthal said he thinks it really depends on the person, whether or not it is the real them.

"If someone is a real psycho, they aren't going to put that on their profile, saying, 'Hey, don't talk to me — I'm a real psycho,'" Rosenthal said. "So I guess you have to read everything there skeptically and make sure that you really know the people."

In case users are afraid of stalkers or strangers, thefacebook provides different security levels for privacy.

Biochemistry junior Patricia Bailey set her privacy level so people could not see her profile unless she invited them to be her friend.

"It's more of a protective setting until I got comfortable with the Web site, who's on it, etc.," Bailey said. "The settings will change as I get more comfortable with what to expect from the site."

Adding friends, new and old

Once the profile is complete, it is time to find people who are worthy to "add to friends."

Rosenthal joined thefacebook because it seemed like a good way to avoid his accounting homework. Since his acceptance to thefacebook network, Rosenthal has added more than 160 friends.

"It's just kinda funny that I seem to get a bunch in flurries," Rosenthal said. "Like a certain group of people that I know all of a sudden find thefacebook and all add me."

The amount of friends Rosenthal has is not important to him, he said. And he especially doesn't like to add friends he doesn't really know.

"I really don't want people to claim to be my friend if I can't even wave at them or give them hugs," Rosenthal said. "So I kinda just ignore them and hope they go away. If I happen to see them randomly on campus and they throw up the hello wave, then I'll let them be my friend."

"I regretted signing up for thefacebook as soon as I did, purely because the rush of people from high school finding me was overwhelming," Bailey said. "It's a super-big popularity contest, but I don't understand why people 'friend' others from high school, but never speak to them, they just have them as friends. On the other hand though, it's addicting."

There are 3,506 single people from Cal Poly signed up on thefacebook, which provides easy access to finding dateable people.

Corser noticed a hot guy who was listed as a friend's friend, so she decided to check him out.

"I clicked onto his profile page and after reading it and seeing that we had

many things in common, including mutual friends, I sent him a message," said Corser. "He responded and we started communicating through thefacebook and AIM."

Corser finally met up with her guy at the beginning of the quarter, and they started officially dating after two weeks.

"I hate to admit that I met my guy online, but so far, so good," she said.

Joining the right groups

Once friends are added and social worthiness is established, it is time to jump into the deep end of the social network pool and join a group ... or 37.

There is an infinite number on thefacebook, and they are divided into four general categories: common interest, fraternity/sorority, sports and organizations.

One of the biggest groups on thefacebook is the College Student Army with 1,781 members. Group founder and mechanical engineering freshman Michael Kelly described its purpose on the group's profile: "We are the College Student Army, we fight for what is awesome. There is too much that is lame and we need you to aid our cause."

Kelly said College Student Army

represents all the different kinds of people at Cal Poly.

"I started the College Student Army when I just wanted to make the biggest group on Cal Poly facebook," Kelly said. "Now, because of its size, I want to make T-shirts."

From Nor- to So-Cal pride, conservatives to liberals and spooners to non-spooners, groups allow people to share common philosophies, ideas and appreciation for the bizarre in a way that isn't always admissible in person.

The best groups to join are random ones. The more ridiculous, the better. "The Bob Ross Fan Club," "I Love Fat Chicks in Party Hats" and "Tony Bennett is My Adopted Grandpa" are just a few of the groups that represent the unique and strange people who could possibly be sitting next to you in class.

To poke back or hide poke

Once the user creates a profile, adds friends and joins groups, the jungle of thefacebook is ready to be explored.

Then one day, unassumingly, it will happen. You will sign on thefacebook and it will be there waiting for you.

You have been ... poked.

The poke has no clearly-defined purpose, intention or design. It could

be a friendly greeting; a flirtatious acknowledgment; a secret; sexual desire or simply poking fun.

"It really only means what users make it out to mean," Hughes said. "So no, I don't think it always has a sexual connotation."

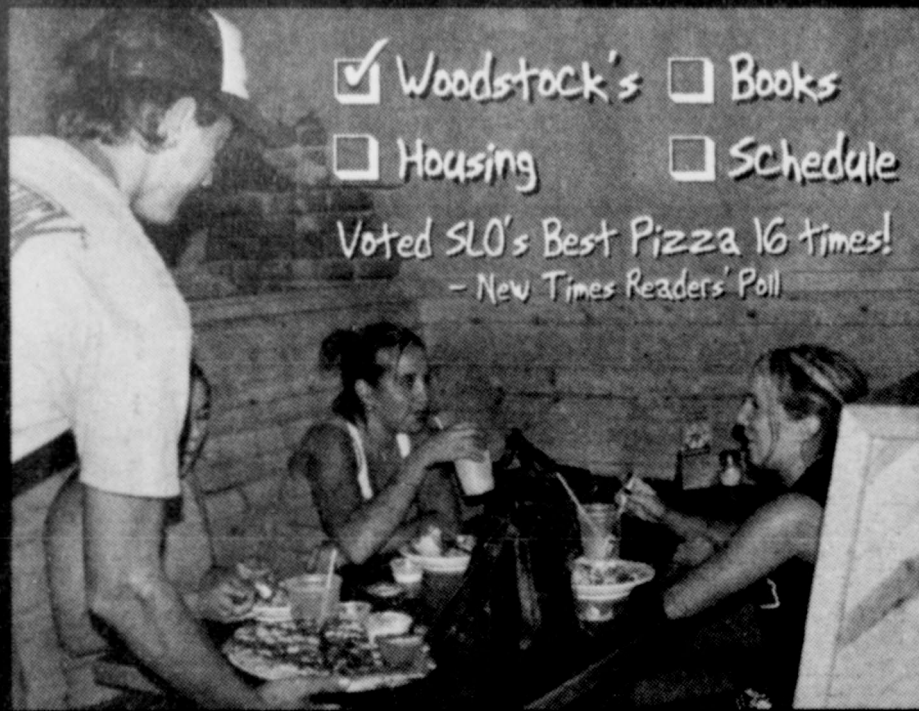
In retaliation to the poke, you are allowed to "poke back" or "hide poke." This epitomizes quite possibly the biggest dilemma thefacebook users will ever encounter.

The social interaction of college students will never be the same because most people embrace the change it has had on their lives, while others try to play off the magnitude of its addicting power.

"I would be perfectly fine if it shut down tomorrow and never used it again," aerospace engineering freshman Aaron Zevenbergen said. "But it is really handy for keeping in touch with friends from high school, trying to remember that guy down the hall's name or stalking people ... if you are into that."

Editor's Note: In the spirit of electronic communication, all interviewing for this article was done via thefacebook's messaging system or e-mail. No real human contact was actually made by the reporter in acquiring information for this article.

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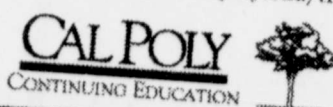
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Go ahead, 'Push the Button'



COURTESY PHOTO

The Chemical Brothers return to the dance scene with 'Push the Button.' The album includes collaborations with Q-Tip, among others.

Chris Reynolds

TECHNICIAN

In 1995 The Chemical Brothers' "Exit Planet Dust" and 1997's "Dig Your Own Hole" inspired a revolution in electronic music.

With its fifth studio release, "Push the Button," the Chemical Brothers show that it still knows how to find the cutting edge after 10 years in the business.

Fading into oblivion was not an option. Constantly rehashing the same sound was not an alternative. The Chemical Brothers still had boundaries left to smash.

While still baring the big beat earmarks they have had since the very first song, something different is blaringly obvious.

The first single "Galvanize," features a Middle East laced, aggressive beat and A Tribe Called Quest's Q-Tip on vocals. It's followed by Tim Burgess (The Charlatans) whose big lips grace "The Boxer" with out-right rock vocals over a "Block Rockin

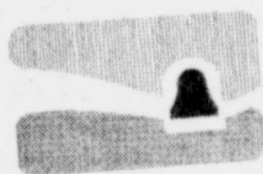
Beat"-esque electro-crash, which is a harbinger of things to come for the rest of the album.

The Chemical Brothers weave in and out of hip-hop spiked big beat extravaganzas almost seamlessly. From the airy, trance-like "Hold Tight London" then to the politically charged "Left Right," with Anwar Superstar (brother of Mos Def), for a "ride or die" type hip-hop heat, all held together by The Chemical Brothers' unique sound, giving a conceptually incongruous album a continuity that you have to hear to believe.

The Chemical Brothers claim to fame has always been the ability to produce tracks that translate well from the dance floor to the radio, and "Push the Button" hasn't changed that. "Shake Break Bounce" is an addictive, intense tune that can get the stiffest of you to bob your heads, no matter where you are.

"Push the Button" is an infectious album with an in-your-face type of boldness, which is what the brothers are good at.

a Thank You to Local Students



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The City of San Luis Obispo wishes to thank local students for your cooperation and assistance over the long Mardi Gras weekend. Law enforcement personnel from the many agencies participating in last weekend's operation reported that their contacts with students from our community were predominately friendly, respectful and helpful. This support made a difficult job easier.

We ask for your continued help by discouraging those promoting a new party "event" this weekend, when they believe the community's guard will be down. Advertising our town again as a party destination is a very dangerous and destructive idea.

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Tsunamis a threat on both U.S. coasts

Randolph E. Schmid
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WASHINGTON — While the deadly tsunami in the Indian Ocean has focused attention on that part of the world, great waves also pose a threat to the United States.

A tsunami struck the Virgin Islands in 1867 claiming 23 lives, and geologic evidence shows giant waves have struck several times over the past 3,500 years, affecting what is now Washington, Oregon and northern California.

"We're not trying to scare you, we're just trying to inform you," Kevin Krajcik said Tuesday, opening a Smithsonian Institution-sponsored panel discussion of U.S. vulnerability to tsunami. Krajcik wrote an article on tsunami scheduled for the March issue of Smithsonian magazine.

"It's a matter of when, not if," another tsunami will strike, added George A. Maul, head of the department of marine and environmental systems at the Florida Institute of Technology.

A 1755 earthquake that devastated Lisbon, Portugal, generated a wave that caused damage in the Caribbean, he noted.

And there have been reports of a potential threat to the East Coast of the United States from waves that could be generated by landslides in the Canary Islands, across the Atlantic, added James F. Luhr, a volcanologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. While one-fourth of the world's tsunamis occur in the Pacific Ocean, Maul noted that they can occur on any coast.

For example, on the American side of the Atlantic Ocean, more than 2,500 people have been killed in the past 150 years by these waves striking the Virgin Islands, Panama, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and even Canada, Maul added. The most recent, in 1991, killed two people in Costa Rica.

A U.S. tsunami warning program has been in operation for about 10 years, focusing largely on Hawaii, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, where damaging waves have been recorded in recent history, noted Laura S.L. Kong, director of the International Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii.

Tsunamis, caused by undersea earthquakes or volcanoes, can travel across the ocean at the speed of a jet plane, suddenly rising up to as high as 90 feet when they reach the shore, she said.

Joanne Bourgeois, a University of Washington geologist, said sedimentary evidence indicates six or seven severe tsunamis have struck that state's coast over the past 3,500 years, averaging about one such wave every 500 years.

Timothy J. Walsh, chief geologist at the Washington Department of Natural Resources, said public education is essential with millions of people moving into danger-prone coastal areas.

In Washington, he said, poles are being erected in hazard areas with sirens attached to NOAA Weather Radios. Operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, they can turn themselves on when activated by a broadcast tone. The radios could then both activate the sirens and broadcast the warning over loudspeakers in the affected area.

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Potential Jackson jurors questioned for sympathy

Questionnaire seeks to weed out jurors who have any connection to Jackson or who have visited his Santa Ynez ranch

Robert Jablon
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The potential jurors for Michael Jackson's child molestation trial range from janitors to computer analysts and include people whose children have visited his Neverland ranch, according to questionnaires released Wednesday.

The answers that 243 people supplied on the eight-page questionnaire were mainly in the form of checked-off answers but a few handwritten comments offered tantalizing details.

"I went to Neverland w/ special ed for my sch. dist," wrote Juror No. 10, a local teacher.

"My disable daughter was allow to go to Neverland, but Mr. Jackson was not present during her school visit," wrote Juror No. 243, a risk analyst from Santa Maria.

The candidates ranged from college-age to retirement-age. Most said English was their first language but there was a smattering of other languages, including Spanish, Korean and even Tagalog, which is spoken in the Philippines.

A surprising number of potential panelists answered yes to the question: "Have you, any relatives, or close friends ever been ARRESTED or ACCUSED of a criminal offense (other than minor traffic violations)?"

Some also said they, a family member or a close friend had been the victim or witness to a serious crime.

A few potential panelists said they, a relative or close friend had been the victim of "inappropriate sexual behavior of any kind."

Juror No. 16, a 48-year-old Lompoc

woman, said she was the victim of a sexual assault in 1974 but no charges were filed. She also wrote that she had been arrested or accused of a crime in 1974 and 1976 but added "charges dropped, diversion."

Her son was convicted and served 18 months for a crime in 2000, she added, without providing details.

Many of the potential jurors said they or someone close to them had been diagnosed with cancer — a possible concern for the defense since the boy, then 13, who Jackson allegedly molested at his Neverland ranch two years ago is a cancer survivor.

The questionnaire was designed to target people who might be sympathetic to Jackson because they or their families knew him, or people with military or law enforcement connections who might favor prosecutors.

Virtually all the respondents had served or had a relative who had served in the military — not surprising in Santa Barbara County, which is home to the Vandenberg Air Force Base and a large naval base.

Some respondents said they had worked or volunteered for "a child advocacy group or for a group dealing with child safety, child abuse or mistreatment or children's rights."

One 38-year-old Guadalupe woman said that as a preschool teacher, she is a "mandated reporter," meaning the law required her to report suspicions that a child had been abused. She has four children, including a 10-year-old boy

and a 13-year-old girl.

A 36-year-old Lompoc woman said she worked part-time as an advocate counselor intern for a rape crisis and child protection center.

A 48-year-old Lompoc woman said she was a social worker at Vandenberg "working w/ victims & offenders of spouse and child abuse issues." She has two boys, ages 5 and 15.

Prospective jurors were asked a total of 41 questions, including whether they had ever served on a jury, whether they or a family member had filed a claim for money damages, and whether they or someone close to them knew Jackson.

Most said they knew at least "a little" about the Jackson case and the 1993-94 investigation of similar allegations

"My niece-in-law's sister has dated Ely, Michael's cousin, and we have attended family functions with Ely."

— BUELLTON WOMAN
potential juror

something, but I don't remember exactly what. I was only 13 at that time," wrote a 24-year-old Santa Maria woman. She was among those who said she had known someone who had met Jackson or spent time at Neverland.

A 43-year-old Buellton woman answered in detail about whether she or any of her family or close friends knew Jackson: "My niece-in-law's sister has dated Ely, Michael's cousin, and we have attended family functions with Ely."

One of the most intriguing questions was: "Do you think your feelings about or experiences with people from different races might affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case?"

Most checked "no." A 54-year-old Santa Maria woman checked "yes."

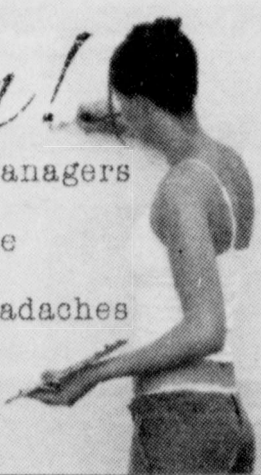
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Engineers deserve a little love on V-Day

I love engineers. I absolutely love them.

And how lucky am I that there are 4,500 on campus?

I cannot explain my fascination. But there's something so practical — yet sexy — about graph paper, calculators and organized backpacks. Behind those carefully sketched math problems are powerful brains at work — so detailed, so complex and so enigmatic.

The engineer seems to harness the power of the universe into practical use — like electricity, automobiles and flushable toilets. Without them, we'd have no telephones, no airplanes, no infrastructure, no calculators and no one to manufacture high heels.

So it breaks my heart when I see lonely engineering students wander between labs and classes, neglected and underappreciated by the opposite sex. How can we not be grateful for all the calculus, circuit theory and heat transfer classes they must endure so that we can turn on a computer? Such dedication warrants a little admiration.

I am not alone in my thinking. My Aunt Susie, who married my Uncle Larry, an electrical engineer and Cal Poly graduate, firmly believes that engineers make the best husbands.

"Most guys are boring," she said. "But engineers have very active minds and a lot of neat ideas. You don't have to worry that they'll become couch potatoes. Their higher energy drive makes the sex better and the romance more interesting."

And they're incredibly useful; whatever you break, they'll find some way to fix, she said. This work ethic has its benefits in relationships as well.

"They don't run away from problems," said Allison Jantos, a graphic design senior who has dated a materials engineer for three years. "They need to fix them — that's their major."

Engineers also seem to arrange very creative dates, Jantos said. On one occasion, Jantos' boyfriend gave her a distorted piece of metal wire and instructed her to put it in a boiling pot of water. Once it reached a higher temperature, she was delighted to see that the metal wire (which was shape memory alloy) turned into a big heart.

Engineers love to improve the world and they also love to improve their girlfriends or boyfriends by giving them purposeful gifts.

Cal Poly journalism graduate Jennifer Robbins, who has dated an aeronautical engineer for five years, once received a pair of socks and tennis shoes for a birthday.

"In its own way, it's more special than diamond earrings," Robbins said. "The thought really counts. He took time to think about what I really needed."

But perhaps engineers' most appealing quality is their unusual commitment to their significant other, Aunt Susie said.

"They're more dedicated," she said. "You don't have to worry that they'll ogle over someone else."

At hearing this, Uncle Larry piped in with a nerdy grin:

"That's true, we're very good at cross-beneficial analysis," he said. "The quickest way to become poor is to become divorced."

You have to appreciate their uncanny wit, too.

But engineers aren't perfect. The women dating them said that some struggle to communicate their emotions and needs (with the exception of some, especially female, engineers), and will often neglect their significant other while spending endless hours in the lab or studying. However, I've found that the tumultuous amount of work engineers do, makes them truly appreciate the people and the time they spend outside of school.

So if you're lonely this Feb. 14 and need a Valentine, go scan the library and labs and find an engineer, who will surely craft you an original — if not practical — day.

Carrie McGourty is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily columnist, and has a particular affection for mechanical engineers.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Top 10 reasons to dislike conservative Christians

1. Because I am an atheist, I am automatically branded vain. So much for being a loving and accepting follower of Christ.

2. Because I am confused why people follow a doctrine that says, "Thou shall not kill," ... unborn fetuses. But 100,000 Iraqis is fine.

3. Because I find it hard to believe that every single person on Social Security is lazy and unwilling to work.

4. Because I don't think that someone against gay marriage could possibly be tolerant of all other people's ideas and beliefs.

5. Because I don't give Lincoln's Republican ideals all of the credit for freeing the slaves. Personally, he'd have had a more difficult time convincing the Confederate states to let their "property" go without the help of the northern states. Maybe Mr. DiBernardo should compare the Confederacy to the red states in our last presidential election.

6. Because the world isn't perfect, and I don't think that lying, going to war and praying for our victory is going to help.

7. Because Jesus taught us to love and respect all people, which to me means loving and respecting their right to chose their future, university, friends and belief system.

8. Because capitalism is imperfect, and corruptness often impedes success.

9. Because this nation was built on top of a pre-existing one, with disregard for its well-being.

10. Because www.sorryeverybody.com shows that slightly less than half of us are well informed.

Theresa McCaffrey

Animal science sophomore

An alternative for those concerned about terrorists

Dear Concerned Citizen:

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MARGARET SCOTT NEWSART

criticizing treatment of the Taliban and al-Qaida detainees currently being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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character flaws.

However, perhaps you are correct in describing these problems as mere cultural differences.

Thanks again for your letter. We truly appreciate it when folks like you, who know so much, keep us informed of the proper way to do our job.

Cordially,

President George W. Bush

Kim Thomson

Journalism senior

This year's Orchesis show is best event to date

In response to the commentary on Orchesis I have one question: "Were we at the same show?"

The piece by Emily Wong described this year's performance as failing to "echo past performances." Since leaving the show last Friday night in awe, every person I have discussed the performance with agreed that this was the best Orchesis event to date.

Charlotte Rinaldi-Zuniga

Career counselor (CLA)

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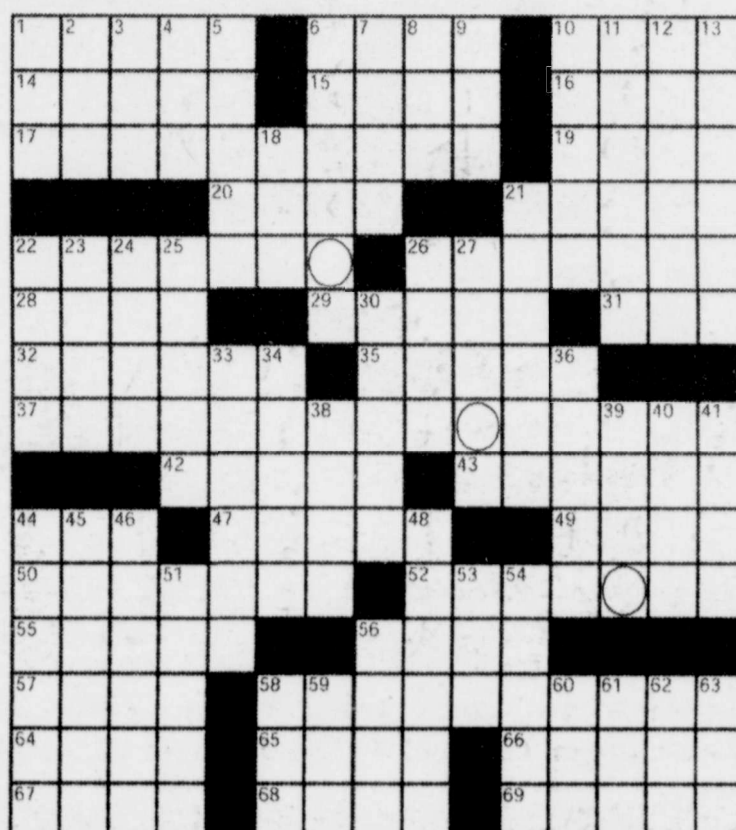
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No. 1230

Note: The three circled letters will spell a word that is missing from 14 answers in this puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Some student needs
6 ____ law
10 Weed eradicator
14 Admit wrongdoing
15 Tip
16 On the safe side
17 Memorable times
19 Geese formations
20 Title grp. in an ABC drama
21 Some Balkans
22 Popular seafood chain
26 1950's-60's TV star
28 Cockeyed
29 "The Odd Couple" role
31 Reggae relative
32 Pick
35 Luau doings
- 37 Popular rock/rap/funk group
42 Deep sleep
43 Action star Steven
44 Gambling site: Abbr.
47 In 1492 it sailed the ocean blue
49 Area next to the narthex
50 False clue
52 Full of life
55 Draft holder
56 Player of one of the Corleones
57 Russian river
58 Discount coast-to-coast plane ticket
64 Shine's partner
65 Good name for a DNA expert
66 Danny of the N.B.A.
67 Ballpark amts.

- DOWN**
- 1 Equivalent of "ur 2 funny"
2 Need dough
3 Household pest with a fiery appearance
4 Kook
5 Passed the buck?
6 Veteran
7 Lucille Ball, notably
8 ____ Day
9 60's protest org.
10 Pierced body part, sometimes
11 Critical warnings
12 Nike rival
13 Corporate jet maker
18 Alternative to white
21 Wool wrap
22 Respond angrily, with "out"
23 Promise, for one
24 Take off quickly
25 Builder's guide
26 Atlantic fish
27 Certain greens
30 Hold aside, as a college athlete, to extend his eligibility
33 Composer who had a long relationship with George Sand
34 Easy two-pointer



Puzzle by Kyle Mahowald

- 36 Joe of "Apollo 13"
38 Like "Lawrence of Arabia"
39 "Yikes!"
40 Talk crazily
41 Go downhill
44 "And I'm the queen of England"
- 45 Popular game import from Russia
46 Robin feature
48 Puts down
51 Stirs up
53 Drink from a dish
54 A wee hour
- 56 Trifling amount, in a phrase
58 Teamwork disrupter
59 Pro vote
60 Secretive org.
61 Business loss
62 Geologic period
63 Article that may go with berets

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ECOLE ANTI PEAL
ROSEGARDENS SKI
NELLY DUSTED
ASS ELY LEMMA
CHUMS AIRPOWER
TOGA BOWLS KAVA
SEASCAPE PEREZ
RAILS WAR EN
REDIAL SAVOR
EVA ORANGEJUICE
BEDS OLEO EBBED
UNDO OMEN CLING
STYX MARS TESTY

Golden

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Even so, the young Mustang team has learned valuable lessons. "It's been a rough season but it'll help us in the future," guard Lew Finnegan said.

Still, success isn't guaranteed. It took Pacific 58 years to crack the top 25. Heck, in 1998, when center Michael Olowokandi was a senior and just months from being picked first in the NBA Draft, the Tigers finished midway through the Big West — and lost to Cal Poly.

Cal Poly also has more rigorous academic standards for prospective athletes than Pacific. While the private university can recruit minimal achievers, the Mustangs have to scour for athletes who double as scholars, a tough chore considering the

recruiting budget is less, Bromley said, than it was in 1995.

Bromley touts Cal Poly's academics to recruits, though.

"I think we have the Stanford mystique of this conference," Bromley said.

Pacific's ranking definitely boosts the Big West. It may give the Mustangs another reason to smile too.

Amidst all the lopsided defeats the Mustangs have absorbed this year, they played the Tigers close at home a couple of weeks ago and lost by 12.

It's not a top 25 ranking, but at least it's a small step in the right direction.

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friday FLASHBACK

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From preps to Poly, friends hoop it up

Nicole Stivers
MUSTANG DAILY

Long before Mike Titchenal and Joe Henry hit the Mott Gym court together, or even became roommates and best friends, the talented duo practiced basketball in a Cardinal Newman High School gym.

At the time, Henry's brother, David Henry, was Titchenal's teammate and Joe, two years younger, had not been introduced to the prospect from Santa Rosa. Soon, the two would be introduced and their common love for basketball would deepen.

Now, Titchenal, a senior forward, and Henry, a sophomore forward, continue to foster a friendship at Cal Poly as

members of the men's basketball team.

The pair never played any games together until both were at Cal Poly.

Joe Henry said watching his brother play basketball as he grew up is what got him interested in pursuing his own basketball career. David Henry began his collegiate basketball career at Cal Poly in 1998 and was a sophomore when Titchenal was a walk-on as a freshman. He had a stand-out career at Cal Poly and is now playing in Europe.

"I was always trying to do what he was doing when I was a kid," Joe Henry said.

Joe Henry was not the only one that looked up to his brother, Titchenal did as well. David Henry was the one who introduced Titchenal to Cal Poly and helped him get his foot in the door. When Joe Henry began his college search a few years ago, Titchenal was there to give him a foray into Cal Poly's basketball program — just like David Henry had done for him.

Joe Henry said having first-hand knowledge of the people and program is what helped him make his decision to choose Cal Poly. When Joe was accepted, it's hard to say who was more excited, David Henry or Titchenal.

Both Titchenal and Joe Henry had similar experiences starting out at Cal Poly. Neither player received an athletic scholarship and joined the team as walk-ons. Titchenal was eager to share his experiences with his friend.

"I know what it's like. It's not easy being a walk-on. You're looked down on by the scholarship players," Titchenal said. "You have to prove yourself."

Joe Henry said he was thankful to have a friend on campus when he arrived.

"My first year, I looked to Mike to get me into the (basketball) program and school. He made it a lot easier. Having someone I knew here was a big help," Joe Henry said.

Most walk-ons risk spending their college years warming the bench, Titchenal said. Since he knew Joe Henry from high school, he was able to vouch for his skills to their teammates and coaches. Now that the two are able

to play together, they enjoy every minute of it.

"I think he works harder than anyone else. That makes it really easy to like a guy. He sets a good example," Titchenal said.

Joe Henry certainly appreciates what his teammate has to offer.

"Mike's an unselfish player and loves the game. It's always fun to

play with guys like that," Joe Henry said.

With the season winding down, it seems as though Joe Henry is one of the few who has benefited from the team's continued losses. Younger players usually get plenty of experience when a game isn't close. "Joe just needed a chance to show them what he could do. He shined," Titchenal said.

With Titchenal's graduation date fast approaching, this will be the last time the pair will play basketball together, on this level at least. Titchenal continues to pass on the lessons he has learned over the years to Joe Henry and other younger players. He takes his role very seriously.

"When you're an older player, it's your job to set examples, on and off the court. Whether it's how you act the night before a game or how you practice," Titchenal said.

It's obvious that Joe Henry has utilized most of the wisdom his friend passed down. The pair seems to parrot one another when it comes to talking about the way the game should be played.

Both learned

the importance of practicing at full speed and working out as much as possible in high school.

"In high school, I thought I knew what it meant to work hard, but at Cal Poly it is a whole other level," Joe Henry said.

Titchenal readily supported his friend's conclusions.

"I looked to Mike (Titchenal) to get me into the program and school. He made it a lot easier. Having someone I knew here was a big help"

— JOE HENRY

Forward

"You have to work really hard for everything you get at this level. You

have to earn everything," he said. Even though the team has had a tough season, neither Titchenal nor Joe Henry has given up hope. They are both looking toward a possible berth into the conference tournament at the beginning of March. The team is currently ninth in the conference with just seven league games remaining.

Joe Henry said he believes the team's success lies in continuing to work hard, playing more defense and improving daily. Titchenal named the team's depth as one of its main strengths.

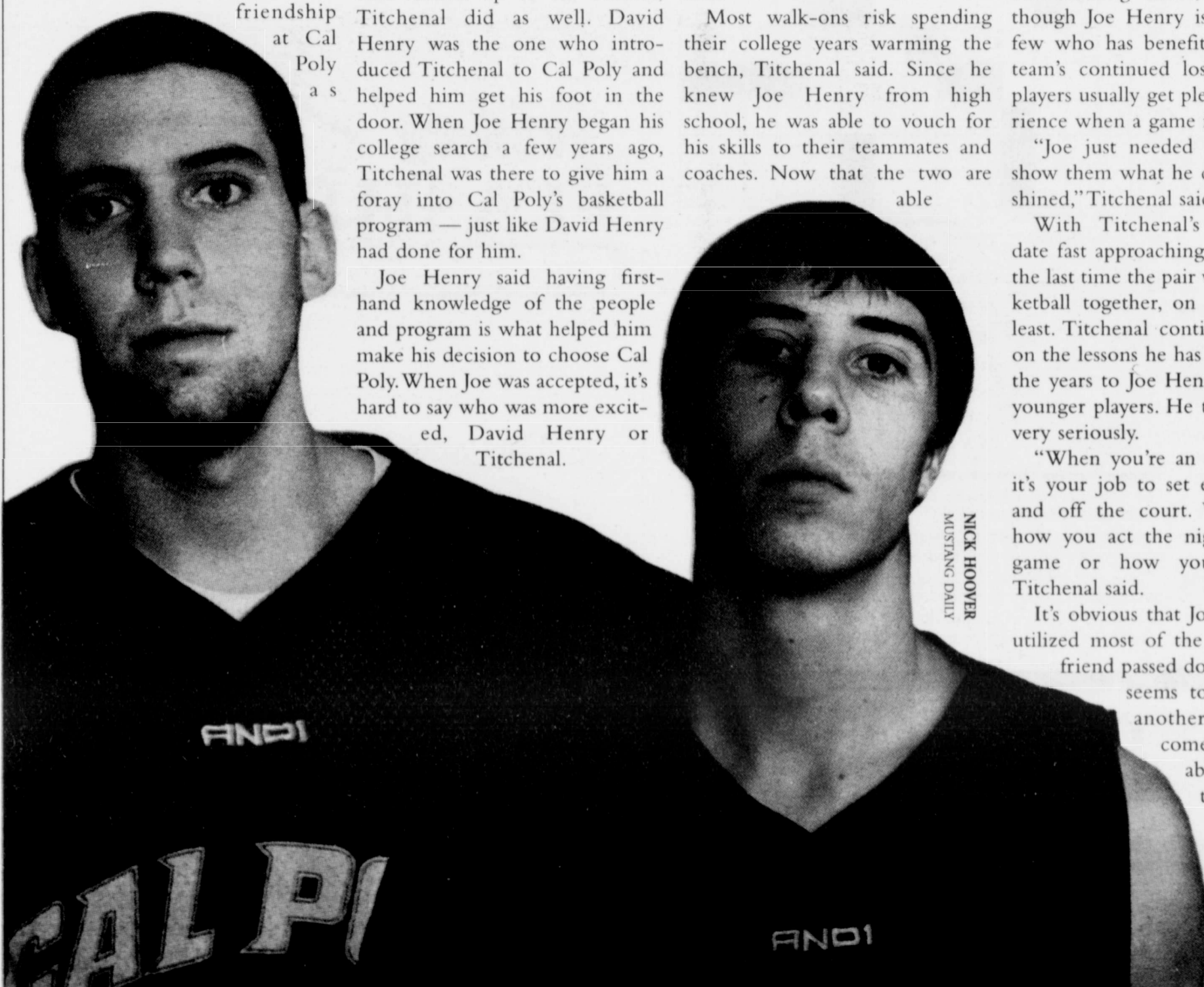
"We have a lot of guys who can really play. We can shoot well. If we're on, we could beat a lot of good teams," Titchenal said.

But no matter how the remainder of the season plays out, Titchenal said he hopes both the players and coaches will learn from their experiences.

Titchenal reflected on the effect winning and losing has on players.

"When you are winning a lot it's like you expect to win. When you keep losing, it is hard to deal with the hurt," he said.

"When we win it feels like an absolute joy. The last time we won, it felt like we had won a national championship. It makes you wonder why we can't win more often," Titchenal said.



COMMENTARY

Pacific gives a boost to the Big West credibility



**GOLDEN
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self-proclaimed sports scribe

I don't much care for Jim Rome, but I laughed when I heard he once referred to

the Big West Conference as the "Big Worst."

Granted, the sports pundit is a caustic little man who rambles five days a week on his three-hour radio show. To my delight, Jim Everitt once attacked Rome on ESPN, after the NFL quarterback was repeatedly taunted on-air as "Chris Evert," the name of a former women's tennis player.

However, Rome may have once been right with his pronouncement of the Big West. Not only is Rome a graduate of conference member UC Santa Barbara, the Big West hasn't featured a deep collection of good men's basketball teams until recent years.

Things improved last year when

University of the Pacific earned an automatic NCAA Tournament bid (and then triumphed in the first round) by winning the Big West Tournament. In fact, Big West tourney runner-up and regular season conference winner Utah State was perhaps robbed of an at-large bid.

Though Utah State has slipped to third in conference this year, Pacific is off to its best start ever. Packed with former junior college players, the Tigers are 18-2 overall, 12-0 in Big West play, and on Monday, for the first time in school history, were ranked among the top 25 teams in an Associated Press poll.

Basketball coach Kevin Bromley

is happy. Well, sort of. It's not easy to be guiding a team that's struggled to a 4-16 record, amidst injuries to an already thin roster. Still, regardless of how much all the losing has transformed Bromley ("It's tough on my wife," he said), he lauded the Tigers' No. 24 ranking.

"Not only did they deserve it, but at least we got the recognition that I think this conference deserves," Bromley said.

It harkened to days of yore 10-15 years ago, when UNLV and New Mexico State were members. The attention re-flares occasionally, though. Even Cal Poly has made national news, like when it upset Cal and USC early last season, before floundering in confer-

ence play.

It remains to be seen when the Mustangs can match Pacific's ranking.

"You're a couple players away," Bromley said. "If you get lucky and get those player and they develop, you can be a top 25 team pretty quick, because there's a fine line in that."

I partly agree. If Bromley is right in saying guards carry teams to conference titles, the potential backcourt for next year is exciting.

It all depends if ineligible point guard Kameron Gray returns to team with current starting point guard Dawin Whiten who's a natural shooting guard.

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